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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-9 (canceled):

Claim 10 (currently amended): The system of ~~claim 9~~ claim 16, wherein the scroll bar is oriented in one of an orthogonal, a parallel, an acute and an obtuse angle with respect to an axis of the viewing region.

Claim 11 (currently amended): The system of ~~claim 9~~ claim 16, wherein the user identifies the item of interest by highlighting the item via at least one of a mouse, a keystroke and an audio stimulus.

Claim 12 (currently amended): The system of ~~claim 9~~ claim 16, wherein the user removes the graphical indicator from the scroll bar via one of unhighlighting the item of interest and deleting the graphical indicator.

Claim 13 (currently amended): the system of ~~claim 9~~ claim 16, wherein the user returns to the item of interest via one of moving the slider proximate to the graphical indicator and invoking the graphical indicator.

Claim 14 (currently amended): The system of ~~claim 9~~ claim 16, wherein the graphical indicator is invoked via one or more of a mouse, a keystroke and an audio stimulus.

Claim 15 (currently amended): the system of claim 13, wherein invoking the graphical indicator automatically returns the item of interest within the viewing region.

Claim 16 (currently amended): ~~The system of claim 9,~~ A system comprising
stored computer executable instructions that, when executed by a data processing device,
provide a graphical user interface comprising:

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a viewing region that provides the user a window to observe at least a portion of information from a set of information;

a scroll bar that maps to the set of information;

a slider associated with the scroll bar that is moved relative to the scroll bar to determine at least a portion of information that is displayed within the viewing region;
and

a location component that obtains a location of a user-identified item of interest, generates a graphical indicator for the item of interest and maps the graphical indicator to the scroll bar to provide the user with a visible indication of the location of the item of interest within the set of information.

wherein the system is configured for a user to change the location of the item of interest by moving the graphical indicator.

Claim 17 (currently amended): The system of ~~claim 9~~ claim 16, wherein the location component further employed to generate and associate graphical indicators for one or more additional user-identified items of interest.

Claim 18 (currently amended): The system of ~~claim 9~~ claim 16, wherein the graphical indicator is visible within the slider when the item of interest is visible within the viewing window.

Claim 19 (currently amended): The system of ~~claim 9~~ claim 16, wherein the graphical indicator dynamically changes in size in response to a change in size in the set of information in order to maintain a relative indication of the percentage of information represented by the graphical indicator relative to the set of information.

Claim 20 (currently amended): The system of ~~claim 9~~ claim 16, further comprising one or more additional scroll bars that are employed in connection with one or more additional sliders to provide for multi-dimensional tracking of the item of interest.

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Claim 21 (currently amended): The system of ~~claim 9~~ claim 16 further comprising an intelligence component that facilitates adding and removing the graphical indicator and returning the item of interest to the viewing region.

Claim 22 (currently amended): The system of claim 21, wherein the intelligence component comprising at least one of a statistic, a probability, an inference and a classifier.

Claim 23 (currently amended): A method ~~that adds graphical indicia related to a point of focus to a scroll bar~~, comprising:

receiving an input associated with a user-identified point of focus within a list;

obtaining a location of the user-identified point of focus within the list;

adding a first graphical indicator to the scroll bar, the first graphical indicator provides a relative location of the user-identified point of focus within the list; and

changing the location of the point of focus based on user input moving the graphical indicator on the scroll bar.

Claim 24 (currently amended): The method of claim 23, further comprising adding a second graphical indicator to the scroll bar, the second graphical indicator is associated with a second user-identified point of focus within the list; and

changing the location of the second point of focus based on user input moving the second graphical indicator on the scroll bar.

Claim 25 (currently amended): The method of claim 24, wherein the second graphical indicator is differentiated from the first graphical indicator by at least one of color, size, shape, and position.

Claim 26 (original): The method of claim 23, further comprising positioning a pointer proximate to the graphical indicia to obtain information indicative of the point of focus.

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Claim 27 (currently amended): A method ~~that returns a point of focus to a user~~, comprising
selecting a graphical indicator on a scroll bar, said graphical indicator associated with a
point of focus;
obtaining a position of the point of focus from the graphical indicator;
utilizing the position to locate the point of focus within data;
changing the location of the point of focus based on user input moving the graphical
indicator on the scroll bar.

Claim 28 (original): The method of claim 27, further comprising positioning a pointer over the
graphical indicator to obtain information indicative of the point of focus in order to facilitate
selecting the desired graphical indicator from a plurality of graphical indicators.

Claim 29 (original): The method of claim 27, further comprising invoking the graphical indicator
to automatically return the point of focus to the user.

Claim 30 (original): The method of claim 27, further comprising manually navigating a slider
proximate to the graphical indicator to return the point of focus to the user.

Claim 31 (currently amended): A system ~~that graphically tracks user-identified foci~~, comprising:
means for identifying foci;
means for generating graphical indicia associated with the foci;
means for associating the graphical indicia with a positioning mechanism; ~~and~~
means for employing the positioning mechanism in connection with the graphical indicia
to view the foci; and
means for moving the graphical indicia based on user input to change the location of the
associated foci.

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Claim 32 (new): The system of claim 20, further comprising associating an additional graphical indicator corresponding to one of the additional one or more scroll bars with the graphical indicator corresponding to the item of interest.

Claim 33 (new): The system of claim 32, wherein the graphical user interface, upon receiving user input selecting any graphical indicator corresponding to the item of interest, automatically moves all sliders proximately to a location on each corresponding scroll bar of the graphical indicator corresponding to the item of interest.